

## Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 SEOUL 00732 210908Z

20/

ACTION IO-10

INFO OCT-01 EA-06 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 NSAE-00 NSCE-00

SSO-00 USIE-00 INRE-00 PM-03 H-01 INR-07 L-02 NSC-05

PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 OMB-01 ACDA-05 DPW-01 AID-05

OES-03 AF-06 ARA-06 EUR-12 NEA-09 /102 W

----- 125313

O R 030900Z FEB 75

FM AMBASSY SEOUL

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 8197

INFO AMEMBASSY BERN

AMEMBASSY SAIGON

AMEMBASSY TOKYO

USMISSTON GENEVA

USUN NEW YORK 1502

USDEL JEC PARIS

CINCPAC

C O N F I D E N T I A L SEOUL 0732

NOFORN

C O R R E C T E D C O P Y FOR EO, TAGS AND SUBJECT

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ICRC, PARM, VN, VS, KS

SUBJECT: ROK POSITION ON PRG ISSUE AT LAW OF WAR CONFERENCE

REF: (A) STATE 23914; (B) SEOUL 563

1. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. EMBOFF FEBRUARY 3 RAISED  
ALGERIAN RESOLUTION (REF A) WITH MOFA TREATIES DIVISION  
CHIEF NO CHANG-HUI, WHO SAID ROK DELEGATION HAD CABLED  
MOFA ON SUBJECT AND BEEN INSTRUCTED TO VOTE AGAINST  
RESOLUTION AND IN FAVOR OF APPLYING RULE 32. NO  
REITERATED ROK POSITION STATED EARLIER BY IO  
DIVISION CHIEF CHANG (REF B), WHO IS CURRENTLY OUT OF  
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 SEOUL 00732 210908Z

COUNTRY. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.

2. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL/NOFORN. ON QUESTION OF OBSERVER STATUS FOR PRG, NO SAID THAT THERE IS DIFFERENCE OF OPINION IN MOFA, WITH SOME OFFICIALS FEELING THAT ROKG SHOULD SUPPORT LIBERAL INTERPRETATION OF OBSERVER STATUS FOR ALL "GROUPS" INTERESTED IN THE SUBJECT OF A CONFERENCE IF THAT CONFERENCE WISHES TO INVITE THEM. HE NOTED THAT ROK DELEGATION'S INSTRUCTIONS CURRENTLY MAKE DISTINCTION BETWEEN PRG AND NATIONAL LIBERATION ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING PLO. INSTRUCTIONS ARE NOT TO OPPOSE OBSERVER STATUS FOR LIBERATION ORGANIZATIONS AND TO CONSULT WITH OTHER DELEGATIONS ON QUESTION OF FULL PARTICIPATION BY THESE ORGANIZATIONS. ON PRG, DELEGATION IS INSTRUCTED TO OPPOSE ANY PARTICIPATION BY PRG WHICH WOULD GIVE IT STATUS EQUAL TO THAT OF GVN BUT TO CONSULT WITH OTHER DELEGATIONS IF QUESTION OF PRG OBSERVER STATUS ARISES.

3. EMBOFF REMINDED NO OF USG OPPOSITION TO ANY TYPE OF OBSERVER STATUS FOR PRG, AND NO QUICKLY STATED THAT ROK WOULD SUPPORT US POSITION. HE NOTED THAT QUESTION OF PRG OBSERVER STATUS HAS NOT ARISEN IN GENEVA. HE SAID MOFA HAS ASSURED GVN EMBASSY HERE OF ROK OPPOSITION TO FULL PARTICIPATION BY PRG IN LOW CONFERENCE. IN ANSWER TO QUESTION, NO SAID THAT QUESTION OF OBSERVER STATUS HAS NOT ARISEN IN TALKS WITH VIETNAMESE HERE.

4. COMMENT: NO HAS ALWAYS BEEN CANDID IN DISCUSSING ROKG PURSUIT OF SELF-INTEREST IN DIPLOMATIC MATTERS. IT IS INTRIGUING THAT HE CHOSE TO VOLUNTEER A HINT THAT MOFA MAY BE CONSIDERING AT LEAST THE APPEARANCE OF FLEXIBILITY ON PRG, IN CONTINUING ROKG EFFORT TO AVOID ISOLATION FROM THIRD WORLD. HOWEVER, ROKG REALIZES THAT THIS IS ONE AREA IN WHICH WE EXPECT ITS SUPPORT, AND WE BELIEVE WE WILL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE FULL SUPPORT FROM THE ROK ON THIS ISSUE.  
SNEIDER

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** POLICIES, MEETING VOTING RECORDS, OPPOSITION TO ADMISSION, COMMUNIST FRONT ORGANIZATIONS, LAW OF WAR, MEETINGS, RESOLUTIONS  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 03 FEB 1975  
**Decaption Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** GolinoFR  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1975SEOUL00732  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** DG ALTERED  
**Executive Order:** GS  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** D750062-0079, D750038-0548  
**From:** SEOUL  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1975/newtext/t19750277/aaaacrpm.tel  
**Line Count:** 98  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Office:** ACTION IO  
**Original Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** 75 STATE 23914, 75 SEOUL 563  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** GolinoFR  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 14 MAY 2003  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <14 MAY 2003 by ifshinsr>; APPROVED <15 MAY 2003 by GolinoFR>  
**Review Markings:**

Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
05 JUL 2006

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** ROK POSITION ON PRG ISSUE AT LAW OF WAR CONFERENCE  
**TAGS:** PARM, PFOR, VN, VS, KS, AG, ICRC, PRG, (NO CHANG-HUI)  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006